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SUMMARY: RELATIVELY LOW KEY COVERAGE OF ARMS SALE REFLECTS DISTASTE FOR ISRAEL'S OBTAINING ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT AND APPREHENSION THAT ZIONIST PRESSURE GROUPS WAGING SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.

1. REPORTING. BOTH AHRAM AND AKHBAR MAY 11 HIGHLIGHT JODY POWELL'S STATEMENT ABOUT INCREASED NUMBER OF AIR-CRAFT FOR ISRAEL. POWELL REPORTEDLY SAID THIS WOULD BE SEPARATE PROPOSAL AND WOULD NOT AFFECT PROPOSALS BEFORE CONGRESS. AP REPORTS CONFIRMING SECRETARIES VANCE AND BROWN PROMISED 20 ADDITIONAL F-15'S TO ISRAEL ALSO CARRIED. POWELL REPORTEDLY MENTIONED U.S. WILL SUBMIT TO CONGRESS WRITTEN GUARANTEE, WITH SAUDI APPROVAL,
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THAT AIRCRAFT FOR SAUDI ARABIA WOULD NOT BE USED IN LAUNCH ATTACK AGAINST ISRAEL. ARTICLES MENTION THAT SENATE COMMITTEES WILL VOTE TODAY.

2. COMMENTARY. GUMHURIYYA'S HODA TEWFIK IN COMMEN-TARY "ISRAEL RETURNS TO OLD TIMES" CRITICIZED CARTER FOR PLEDGING TO MOVE SWIFTLY TO ESTABLISH MONUMENT IN

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WASHINGTON FOR JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS, WHEREAS HE HAS
NOT MOVED QUICKLY TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF THE PALESTINIANS.
TEWFIK NOTED INCREASED NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT FOR ISRAEL
AND ASKED HOW CARTER COULD REWARD THE ISRAELIS WHEN
ISRAEL SO CLEARLY IS AN AGGRESSIVE STATE AND REJECTS
PEACE. DOES THIS AGREE WITH "ETHICS OF CARTER"?
MOHAMED AL-KHOULI IN GUMHURIYYA SAYS PRESSURES FROM
ZIONIST GROUPS FORCED ADMINISTRATION TO "TAKE A STEP
BACKWARD" (HE CLAIMS VANCE STATED USG WOULD NOT BRING
PRESSURE TO BEAR ON CONGRESS). VANCE TRIED TO FIND
COMPROMISE AND THAT THE DEAL WAS PRESENTED SEPARATELY.
CARTER WAS SUPPOSED TO CANCEL ANY PART OF DEAL CONGRESS
REFUSED TO APPROVE. AL-KHOULI CHARACTERIZED ADMINIS-
TRATION ACTIONS AS GAME OF "HIDE AND SEEK" BEING PLAYED
BY ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS DUE TO EFFECTIVE AC-
TIVITIES OF ZIONIST PRESSURE GROUPS. EILTS

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